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**ADJUSTABLE COUPLING** 

MECHANISM FOR THE CONDUIT

ON A VENTRICULAR ASSIST

## AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated December 13, 2004, having a three-month shortened statutory response period and for which one (1) additional month has been petitioned, please amend the above identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the claim summary which begins on page two of this paper.

Remarks begin on page six of this paper.